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Week ended April 25. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country, very good. Antimosquito work continues. Few *Stegomyia calopus* found.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 20	Helen .....	Mobile .....	22	6	0
22	Utstein .....	New Orleans .....	15	0	0
23	Harald .....	Mobile .....	18	0	0
23	Bodo .....	do .....	18	1	0
24	John Wilson .....	New Orleans .....	17	0	0

NOTE.—Temperature taken of all persons on board above-named vessels prior to sailing.

### *Report from Tela, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports as follows:

Week ended April 25. Present officially estimated population, about 1,250. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

There is less malarial fever and other sickness than I have known here at this season during the past three years. Thorough cleaning and other sanitary measures have been carried out.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
	Rosina .....	New Orleans .....	33	0	0

### ITALY.

### *Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox in Italy.*

Assistant Surgeon Wollenberg reports, April 20:

Week ended April 18.

### *Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo.*

#### NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 15	Madonna .....	New York .....	243	40	350
15	Italia .....	do .....	143	15	180
17	König Albert .....	do .....	107	10	160
18	Vincenzo Bonanno .....	do .....			
	Total .....		493	65	690

#### PALERMO.

Apr. 17	Italia .....	New York .....	107	150	55
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*Rejections recommended.*

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Apr. 15	Madonna .....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
15	Italia .....	4	.....	5	.....	.....	9
17	König Albert .....	4	.....	2	.....	1	7
18	Vincenzo Bonanno .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	16	.....	7	.....	1	24

## PALERMO.

Apr. 17	Italia .....	9	.....	6	.....	1	16
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## JAPAN.

*Reports from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants, March, 1908—Smallpox at Yokohama abated—Smallpox at Moji—Summary of smallpox in Japan from January 1 to March 31—Plague and plague-infected rats at Osaka.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, March 31 and April 14:

During the week ended March 28, 3 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 376 members of crew and 183 passengers were granted bills of health.

Of these vessels 1 was bound to Manila, 1 to Portland, Oreg., and 1 to Tacoma.

During the month of March 450 intending steerage passengers to ports of the United States or their possessions were examined with reference to their freedom from loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, of whom 17 were rejected, 114 advised to wait for treatment, 319 passed, and 295 certified on the manifests.

Three hundred and seventy-seven persons were bathed, of whom 45 were sailors. Thirty-seven were bound to Canada. Nine hundred and thirty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The smallpox epidemic has subsided, only 10 cases with 4 deaths having been reported last week and no cases for the past 3 days.

The disease is epidemic in Moji and neighboring towns. It is reported that there are 700 cases in the district.

During the two weeks ended April 11 bills of health were issued to 8 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 709 members of crews and 637 passengers.

The steamships *Tudor Prince* and *Verona*, bound for New York, were fumigated to destroy rats. The steamship *Jason*, for Cebu, and the passenger liner *Nikko Maru* were fumigated throughout.

All steerage passengers and members of crews embarking here were as usual bathed and their effects were disinfected.

The smallpox epidemic is nearly over here, but I consider Moji a danger point.

Official statistics for the period January 1 to March 31 show 14,368 cases of smallpox for the Empire, including 5,548 in Hiogo ken (Kobe prefecture), 2,621 in Osaka, and 1,364 in Tokyo, with many in all kens except Kagoshima, with 1 case only, and Miyagi, Akita, and Okinawa, where there are no cases.